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By: **Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Right to Harvest Seafood**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Council of Dorchester County to adopt an  
4 ordinance, resolution, or regulation or take other action to protect a person's  
5 right to harvest seafood; requiring the County Council to hold a public hearing  
6 before adopting a certain ordinance, resolution, or regulation; and generally  
7 relating to the authority of the County Council of Dorchester County to protect  
8 a person's right to harvest seafood.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article 25 - County Commissioners  
11 Section 232  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 25 - County Commissioners**

17 232.

18 (A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF  
19 DORCHESTER COUNTY MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR REGULATION  
20 OR TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSIDERS NECESSARY  
21 TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO HARVEST SEAFOOD.

22 (B) BEFORE ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR REGULATION  
23 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL HOLD A  
24 PUBLIC HEARING AND PROVIDE REASONABLE NOTICE OF THE HEARING.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2004.